

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Executive Budget and Finance

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 03-2850/3		Introduction Number AB-552	
Subject			
Add the Iraq war to the list of armed forces service, such as in 45.34			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would expand the war periods that qualify a veteran to be eligible for veterans benefits provided under Chapter 45 Wis. Stats. to include Operation Iraqi Freedom or a successor to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The bill would expand eligibility to include eligible spouses and dependents.

Under current law, veterans who would be eligible under Operation Iraqi Freedom would also be eligible under the existing Persian Gulf and Afghanistan War period. Based on current law, and assuming the continuation of the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan War, there would be little, if any, fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

However, if the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan War period were to end before Operation Iraqi Freedom or a successor operation to Operation Iraqi Freedom, then there would be veterans who would be eligible for state benefits that would not have qualified for those benefits. It is not known whether the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan War period will end prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom. If that situation were to occur, it is not known how many additional veterans would qualify for benefits. Therefore, any potential long-range fiscal effect would be indeterminate.